



Port Community Information Bulletin # 37-04

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2000 LOCAL TIME

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Hurricane Condition X-RAY (48 Hour Alert)

THE COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT HAS SET PORT HEAVY WEATHER CONDITION X-RAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE APPROACH OF HURRICANE IVAN. GALE FORCE WINDS IN EXCESS OF 35 KNOTS MAY REACH THE TAMPA BAY REGION WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS. PLEASURE CRAFTS ARE ADVISED TO SEEK SAFE HAVEN. BRIDGES MAY NOT BE OPERATIONAL EIGHT HOURS PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF GALE FORCE WINDS OR WHEN EVACUATION IS IN PROGRESS.

THE PORTS OF TAMPA, MANATEE, AND ST PETERSBURG ARE CLOSED TO INBOUND TRAFFIC. VESSELS REQUESTING TO ARRIVE AFTER THE SETTING OF X-RAY MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COTP TO ENTER. ALL OCEANGOING COMMERCIAL VESSELS AND COAST GUARD REGULATED BARGES GREATER THAN 500 GROSS TONS SHOULD BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO DEPART THE SEA BUOY PRIOR TO THE SETTING OF PORT CONDITION YANKEE (24 HOUR ALERT). TIDE RESTRICTED AND SLOWER VESSELS SHOULD CONSIDER THESE VARIABLES AND DEPART SOONER IF NECESSARY TO EXIT THE PORT BEYOND THE SEA BUOY PRIOR TO THE SETTING OF PORT CONDITION YANKEE.

ALL VESSELS 500 GT OR GREATER CAPABLE OF 8 KNOTS OR LESS SHOULD PREPARE IMMEDIATELY TO VACATE THE PORT. ALL OTHER COMMERCIAL OPERATORS SHOULD STRONGLY CONSIDER IMMEDIATELY DEPARTING THE PORT TO ALLOW TIME TO EVADE THE STORM DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTREME DAMAGE TO THE PORT.

POST STORM VESSEL OPERATIONS

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO ALL VESSELS INTENDING TO TRANSIT TAMPA BAY POST STORM:

ATTACHED IS A CHECKLIST OF INFORMATION THAT MUST BE RELAYED TO THE TAMPA BAY PILOT ASSOCIATION OFFICE PRIOR TO THE SETTING OF CONDITION ZULU (24 HOUR ALERT). THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO PRIORITIZE AND MANAGE VESSEL TRAFFIC UPON RE-OPENING OF THE PORT AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED

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